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Professor John R. Baker
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Dear Professor Baker:

I just wanted to reassure you of my full sympathy with your problem in the furnishing and distribution of reprints of your papers on the cell theory. Even with a modicum of support from research grants and the like I have often found it difficult to keep up with the demand for my own papers, and I can assure you that if these costs had to be met out of pocket I would certainly adopt the same course as you have indicated. I would hope, however, that there would be some alternative method of handling this vexacious problem. For my part I am sufficiently interested in continuing to see your contributions on this subject, and it is inconvenient enough for me to find access to the QUARTERLY JOURNAL that I would be delighted to be able to contribute to the cost of reprints past and future. As a token of this I am sending a check for \$2.10 = 15 shillings. If this procedure is acceptable to you, please do not hesitate to bill me at a rate that would fully cover your own costs. Rather than ask that the checks be exchanged, which might run into some exchange difficulties, may I ask that you remit any balance to the H K Lewis Company, booksellers in London, and ask that this be credited to my account there.

Insofar as the major cost of reprints on my part is borne from external grants, I will be pleased to continue an exchange of publications in fields of mutual interest.

Yours sincerely,

Joshua Lederberg,
Associate Professor of Genetics

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